(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no manual scavenging being practiced in any establishments under the control of the Ministry of Railways. All old dry latrines requiring manual scavenging were already converted many years back either to sanitized latrines with proper septic tank systems or to bio-latrines which do not require manual scavenging. In order to have effective waste disposal system, concrete washable aprons on platform tracks, controlled discharge toilets in trains are also being provided.

Trains for Gujarat

901. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:
SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when a new train running between Jamnagar-Mumbai as Superfast is to be materialized;

(b) since when the demand for above mentioned new train is made by the people of Saurashtra and elected Members of Parliament;

(c) whether a demand for the extension of "Navjivan Express" upto Rajkot is examined and the decision taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Demands have been received from Hon'ble Members of Parliament and people of Saurashtra from time to time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Extension of 2655/2656 Chennai-Ahmedabad Navjeevan Express upto Rajkot has not been found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Train from Bangalore to Mangalore

902. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the introduction of train from Bangalore to Mangalore *via* Hassan;

(b) the reasons for the delay in introduction of this train;

(c) what would be the frequency of this proposed train; and

(d) the places at which this train would stop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 6517/6518 Yesvantpur-Mangalore Express via Mysore-Hassan has been introduced from 08.12.2007. 6515/6516 Yesvantpur-Mangalore Express via Arsikere-Hassan has not been introduced.